

RSVP

A bridge between those who need and those who give
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Love Santa, Inc.

About this time of year, many of us begin to feel the pressure of the holiday season. Holiday meals and gatherings are planned, gift lists are made and a great deal of time is spent finding the perfect gifts for our loved ones. Unfortunately, there are many families in our community who don't have the luxury of planning this special time because they are in need.

There is an organization that eases that need and puts smiles on children's faces. *Love, Santa* has been that organization here in Woodburn for approximately 23 years helping those in need. *Love Santa, Inc.* is a non-profit, dedicated to providing food and gifts to families in need in the Woodburn and surrounding areas during the winter holidays. The organization is available to the elderly, as well as minorities and economically challenged families.

The *Love, Santa* program functions entirely on donations from individuals and businesses. They rely on food and toy drives. Monetary contributions are used to purchase items not received through the donation process such as fresh foods and to fill any gaps in toys for the children. *Love, Santa* receives many items from RSVP volunteers. There are several volunteers who knit and crochet baby blankets and cold weather caps. There are a number of volunteers who collect toys which are much appreciated. The *Woodburn Independent* will continue to serve as a drop-off location for *Love, Santa*. Please bring any nonperishable food and unwrapped toy donations to their office at 650 N. 1st Street in downtown Woodburn. All donations will be given to *Love, Santa* in preparations for its annual distribution day December 18th at the Woodburn Armory. It is expected that over 750 families will sign up for meals and gift baskets.



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News from North Marion Adult Center

Computer User Group meets the 1st Tuesday of every month. Next meeting 12/07 at 6:30pm. **Mah Jongg** every Tuesday 1pm-4pm. **AARP Driver Safety Class** Dec. 8 & 10 8:30am-12:30pm. There is a Senior Health Insurance Benefits Advisor (**SHIBA**) in Woodburn, trained to help people with insurance issues. Call Barbara Campbell at (503) 981-3109 for an appointment.

Please call Beverlee Koutny at 503-981-3613 in the afternoons Monday through Friday if you have questions.



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Sue Speaks Her Mind

It has been said that only death and taxes are a certainties in life. Most of us have found that to be true. But there is relief for your tax burden. It is called the AARP-Tax Aide Program. They can help you cross the finish line in ample time.

As early as 1968, it was recognized that there was a need to offer tax aide service to seniors and low income families. Four local citizens stepped up to the plate to provide it. Since 1980, AARP, the IRS, and senior groups nationally have provided this valuable service through the Tax Aide program. This program has been going strong in our local community since 1988.

This is totally volunteer operated. Volunteers receive training from the IRS each January. Oregon volunteer tax preparers lead the nation with the number of e-filed tax returns. Last year, over 500 families were served at no cost to the client. Preparers are trained by IRS certified instructors and must pass a certification test.

If you would like to volunteer with the Tax Aide program please call the RSVP office at 503-982-5255. More information to come regarding when appointments will be taken for tax preparation.



Please Help ...

Volunteers needed: Meals-on-Wheels is always in need of help, kitchen & dining room help and drivers. Monday-Friday meals are delivered. **Dial-a-Ride** is always in need of drivers. Volunteers use their own car to transport clients to medical appointments. Mileage reimbursement is provided. **Woodburn Visitor's Center** at the Company Stores, 3 hour shifts, Sunday-Saturday. Meet new and interesting people from all over the world. Don't forget the **North Marion Adult Center**. If you have a talent and want to share it with others, let Beverlee know. If there is somewhere you want to volunteer, let me know. I can find a match for you. There are many opportunities throughout the county. Call the RSVP office at 503-982-5255 for more information.

Volunteer Hour Report

By completing & returning this hours reporting form, you allow RSVP to be in place to help other volunteers find their niche. If you volunteer at an actual site, there is probably a timesheet. Be sure to record your hours. If there isn't a timesheet, please use this form & return it to the RSVP office by the 10th of each month. You may also email your hours to: rsvp.woodburn@ci.woodburn.or.us

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Franklin P. Jones



Your Name: _____

Telephone: _____ Location: _____

Total Hours: _____ Month: _____ 2010

Project : _____ Supervisor's initials _____



Community Information and Education Page

BINGO, BINGO! Tuesday at the Woodburn Grange Hall. Sponsored by WAASP, benefits Senior programs in the community. Doors open at 12 noon, games start at 12:30.



NORTH MARION ADULT CENTER offers a **FOOT CLINIC** first Wednesday of the month 11am-4pm \$20. Call for appointment, 503-982-4531. **CASCADE PARK FOOT CLINIC** is offered the 2nd & 4th Friday of the month. 9am to 12 noon. \$20. Call 503-981-0033.



AARP Driver Safety Program is now located at **North Marion Adult Center**, at the 1st Presbyterian Church 950 N Boones Ferry Rd. Woodburn. Classes will be held **Dec. 8th & 10th 8:30am-12:30 pm** both days. Must call 503-981-3613 to register.



LIBRARY BOOK CLUB Meets the second Thursday of every month at noon. Feel free to bring your own lunch. The Library will provide coffee, cookies, and soda for everyone. You read the selected book on your own time. On the book club date, come to the library ready to talk about the characters, story, themes, and more. See you December 9th, for ***Their Eyes were Watching God*** by Zora Neale Hurston. This vibrant novel presents Janie Mae's growth from a voiceless teenage girl into a woman in charge of her own destiny.



News From *Salemtowne*

CENTER 50+ SALEM SENIOR CENTER
2615 Portland Rd. NE, Salem 503-588-6303.



Monday Afternoon Dance Every Monday from 1-3pm. Get your dancing shoes on and join the fun, with live music. No dance if holiday falls on a Monday.

Razzle Dazzle Dinner and Show "Christmas is Christmas Dreams"... which along the way will include songs, dance and skits. Dec. 8th 6pm. \$10.

AMONG FRIENDS Adult Day Respite Program. Are you caring for a family member or friend with Alzheimer's Disease or related dementia? Who's taking care of you? *Among Friends* Respite Program is now available for you. Take a break on Tuesday, Wednesday, and/or Fridays and do something for yourself. Respite care is temporary, short-term care for an individual with special needs. For information contact Evelyn Ostermann, Respite Coordinator, at Center 50+ 503-588-6303.

AQUATIC CENTER ACTIVITIES: Water is such a powerful natural element. The pool and spa at the Woodburn Aquatic Center harness that power, providing an environment that is soothing and restorative, as well as just plain fun!

Lap Swim & Adult Swim: Monday-Friday 5:30am-4pm & 6-8:30pm Saturday & Sunday 1-5pm (2 lanes open)

ARTHRITIS AQUATIC CLASS Tues & Thurs 9:30-10:15 am

HIP FLEXIBILITY Fridays 9-10 am

DEEP WATER FITNESS Mon & Weds & Fri 8-9 am

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Also Mon-Thu 6-6:55 pm

Support the local **AWARE** food bank. Non-perishable food and monetary donations accepted. Drop-boxes at City Hall, Library and Senior Estates or at AWARE, 680 N. 1st Mailing address PO Box 551 Woodburn, OR 97071.



KEIZER/SALEM AREA SENIORS CENTER
930 Plymouth Dr. Keizer 503-390-7441

PANCAKE Breakfast Saturday Dec. 4th, 8am. All you can eat for \$3.50 **MONDAY** Breakfast 8-10 am. We have a menu. **Dance** Every Friday 9 am. **Foot Clinic:** Thur. Dec. 9th & 23rd by appt. 503-390-7441. **AARP Driving Class** Dec 7th & 9th 12-4pm. Call to register 503-390-7441. **Dec 10th DANCE** Christmas Dress Up, starts at 9am. Many activities during the week, call center for details 503-390-7441.

Christmas Basket Fundraiser Silent auction for the Basket begins on 12/6 and ends 12/17. After the 9 am Friday Dance, calling of winners will start.

SOUTH SALEM SENIORS 6450 Fairway Salem 503-588-0748

Daily lunch program by Northwest Senior & Disability Services. **Lunch** served at 11:30am, Monday-Friday. All seniors 60 years and older. Suggested donation of \$3.00. Volunteers always needed. **Foot Clinic**, every Friday, 9am appt needed \$20. **Pancake Breakfast** Sat. December 18th \$4.00 **BINGO** every Friday 1:00pm





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www.woodburn-or.gov/parks

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Out & About is your guide for fall activities. Look for an exciting list of trips for active adults. **All trips leave from Settlemier Park parking lot.** Register for trips at the Aquatic Center or call 503-981-7946.

G.I. Holiday Juke Box—A Holiday Salute. A salute to the Stage Door Canteen of the 1940s. Set during WW II, Christmas time,. Filled with great standards, holiday music, and comedy, the show is reminiscent of the USO shows of days gone by. **Thursday, Dec. 16, 6–11:00pm. \$40.,including show tickets & transportation.**



WHO'S on THIRD December 19th. Concert will feature The Cascade Harmony Chorus. This award-winning women's Sweet-Adeline's-style a cappella chorus has entertained us twice before. This time, they are bringing their Christmas program which includes many favorite Christmas carols. We've thoroughly enjoyed this group in the past, and look forward to helping you start off your Christmas week with another enjoyable afternoon of music and fellowship. Concert is 3pm-4:30pm, with a freewill offering to be taken to help pay the performers. **WHO'S on THIRD** concerts take place at UMC Church at 700 N. Cascade Dr. Woodburn.

Mayors Tree Lighting Sunday December 5th 5:30pm at Settlemier House, then a candle lit parade to Woodburn's downtown plaza for additional activities.



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